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UNITED STATES DIGEST: Containing a Digest of Decisions of the Courts of Common Law, Equity, and Admiralty, in the United States and England. By GEORGE SILSBEE HALE, of the Boston Bar. Vol. XII. Annual Digest for 1858. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1859. pp. 906.

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ANALYSIS OF AMERICAN LAW, PRESENTED IN A CHART: With Explanatory Comments. By JOSEPH W. MOULTON, Counsellor at Law. New York: John S. Voorhies, 20 Nassau street. 1859. pp. 66.

It was the fashion with the jurists of the middle ages to accompany their books with charts, wherein the reader could find a methodical and generally logical compend of the contents of the books. These charts frequently accompany Justinian, and have been attached to some editions of Gaius. In institutional works they are certainly useful. We have read this very unpretending, but most useful *libellus*, through carefully, and have an opinion which we take pleasure in expressing. Here is really a labor which has cost the author time and thought. It is an independent and original labor; it departs widely from Hale and Blackstone's analysis, and is strictly American. He who wishes to see the body of the law, its definition, foundation, superstructure, subdivisions, and classifications, will here find what he desires. And although he may not always agree with the learned author in his legal logic or law philosophy, he will find much to which his assent will be at once given, and much to which study and reflection will soon bring him. The student will find here a chart which will guide him in every step of his way, and by whose aid he can see what he has accomplished, and what he has to accomplish.